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George's fate to settle there. The friendship and society of his dear Seymour presented themselves as the only consolation for the loss of his former associates. Seymour received him with the utmost warmth and cordiality. Their first conversation was delightful in the extreme: and next day George dined at old Seymour's with a large party, when politics were the subject of discussion, and when he discovered that the sentiments of his friend were opposite to his own. But, being of a candid disposition, he was unwilling to dispute on the subject, till he found that the same toleration would not be granted to himself. And how was his regret increased when he saw that every principle of morality, every subject of taste, was in some degree influenced by these opinions; that neither the historian's page, nor the poet's verse, could escape the lash of political prejudice! He continued to seek the company of his once esteemed Seymour; but the harmony of friendship had vanished for ever.

Thus we find that almost every friendship formed by choice or accident, is liable to interruption or decay! How much, then, ought family attachment to be cherished, which is most consonant both to our happiness and our duty. How delightful is the friendship of brothers and sisters, whose principles and taste are nurtured in the same soil, and cherished by the sunbeams of paternal care; while the ties of nature are rendered still more endearing by the choice of reason, and no jarring interest intervenes to destroy their influence!

THE COTTAGE OF FRIENDSHIP.

WHILE I stray by the stream, at the hour of the gloaming,
Where the bushes are green, and the wild-roses blooming,
Where the soft little billows the margins are laving,
Neath the boughs of the wild-wood all silently waving—

Oh! let me not think that the soul always loses
The object on which it most fondly reposes:
Some hearts have been faithful—as mine shall be ever—
And those yet may meet who shall separate never.

Such bliss shall be mine—to my soul shall be given
All it looks for on earth, from the kindness of heaven
In mine ear the sweet notes of content shall be swelling,
And peace, love, and friendship, inhabit my dwelling.

The friend of my youth, and the wanderer weary,
Shall call at my cottage, and find it full cheery;
Their cares shall depart, and affection grow stronger,
And the staff of the stranger shall rest a while longer.

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